REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 3, 2007. Claims 17-26 are pending and stand rejected under 35 USC § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-32 are pending and stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Butler et al.* (US Patent No.: 6,018,340). In this response, claims 1, 6-10, 14-17, 22-27, and 30-32 have been amended, claims 4, 5, 13, 20, and 21 have been cancelled, and claims 33 and 34 have been added to further clarify the invention. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 17-26 are pending and stand rejected under 35 USC §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

In regards to claims 17-25, Applicant has reviewed the specification and concluded that the terms "computer-readable medium" and "computer-readable media" have improperly incorporated transmission media. Therefore, the last part of paragraph [0036] has been amended as follows: "...~~Transmission media include coaxial cables, copper wire and fiber optics, among others, including the wires that comprise one embodiment of Bus 610. Transmission media can also take the form of acoustic or light waves, such as those generated during radio frequency (RF) and infrared (IR) data communications.~~ Common forms of computer-readable media include, for example, a floppy disc, a flexible disc, a hard disc, magnetic tape, any other magnetic medium, a CD-ROM disc, digital video disc (DVD), any other optical medium, punch cards, paper tape, any other physical medium with patterns of marks or holes, a RAM, a PROM, an EPROM, a FLASHEPROM, any other memory chip or cartridge, a carrier wave, or any other medium from which a computer can read." Since a "computer-readable medium" no longer includes transmission media, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

In regards to clam 26, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on the grounds that the claim has been amended to cover a system comprising a processor and a storage medium containing a program which, when executed by the processor,

causes the processor to perform certain operations. Therefore, as amended, the claim covers statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-32 are pending and stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Butler*.

In regards to claims 1, 17, and 26, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Under 35 USC §102(b), the reference must teach every limitation of the claim. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 4 and 5 and to reflect that a method for organizing windows on a computer monitor includes the steps of automatically placing a window into a window area and automatically sizing the window in the window area to a certain aspect ratio as defined by the user. Following the same rationale, claim 17 has been amended to include claims 20 and 21. Furthermore, claim 26 has been amended to disclose a system comprising, among other things, a means for automatically placing a window into a window area and automatically sizing the window in the window area to a certain aspect ratio as defined by the user.

With respect to the limitations of claims 4 and 20, now included in amended claims 1 and 17, respectfully, the Examiner stated that *Butler* teaches "…placing the window in an at least one window area associated therewith (i.e., window 70 is placed in the monitor space 41, See Fig. 12(a) and corresponding text)." However, *Butler* does not teach, show, or suggest enabling function keys or a user interface to instruct the window to be automatically placed in the window area. Furthermore, with respect to the limitations of claims 5 and 21, now included in amended claims 1 and 17, respectfully, the Examiner stated that *Butler* teaches "… sizing the window in an at least one window area associated therewith (i.e., window 90 can be adjustable, see Fig. 11(a) and 11(b))." Again, *Butler* does not teach, show, or suggest enabling function keys or a user interface to automatically size the window in the window area. Enabling function keys or the user interface to instruct the window to be automatically placed in the window area and to automatically size the window in the window area allows the windows to be automatically organized and shaped once the window areas are configured by the user, thereby enhancing user operation and productivity. In addition, computer system resources are conserved since the program instructions that are executed on the window do not need to be recalculated.

Claims 2, 3, and 6-9 are dependent on claim 1 and, therefore, benefit from the advantages of amended claim 1 as outlined above. Furthermore, claims 18, 19, 22-25 are dependent on claim 17 and, therefore, benefit from the advantages of amended claim 17 as outlined above. Please note that claims 6-9 and 22-25 have been amended to correct matters of form. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.

In regards to claim 10, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Claim 10 has been amended to reflect that a system for organizing windows on a computer monitor includes a user interface configured to automatically place a window into a window area and automatically size the window in the window area to a certain aspect ratio as defined by the user. *Butler* does not teach, show, or suggest a system for organizing at least one window comprising a user interface configured to instruct the window to be automatically placed in the window area. In addition, *Butler* does not teach, show, or suggest a system for organizing at least one window comprising a user interface configured to automatically size the window in the window area. The same rationale and advantages of a user interface configured to instruct the window to be automatically placed in the window area and also configured to automatically size the window in the window area, discussed above with respect to claims 1, 17, and 26, apply with equal force to claim 10. Furthermore, claims 11, 12, 14-16 are dependent on claim 10 and, therefore, benefit from the advantages of amended claim 10. Again, please note that claims 14-16 have been amended to correct matters of form. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.
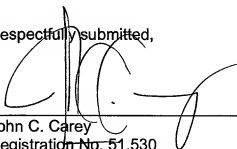
In regards to claim 27, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Claim 27 has been amended to reflect that a computer-based display system includes a user input element configured to automatically place a window into a window area and automatically size the window in the window area to a certain aspect ratio as defined by the user. As described above, *Butler* does not teach, show, or suggest a computer-based display system comprising a user input element configured to enable function

keys or a user interface to instruct a window to be automatically placed in the defined window area on the display. In addition, *Butler* does not teach, show, or suggest a computer-based display system comprising a user input element configured to enable function keys or a user interface to automatically size a window in the defined window area on the display. The same rationale and advantages of a user input element configured to enable function keys or user interface to instruct a window to be automatically placed in the defined window area on the display and also configured to automatically size a window in the defined window area on the display, discussed above with respect to claims 1, 17, and 26, apply with equal force to claim 27. Furthermore, claims 28-32 are dependent on claim 27 and, therefore, benefit from the advantages of amended claim 27. Again, please note that claims 30-32 have been amended to correct matters of form. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.

Applicant presents new claims 33 and 34 for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant believes that no new matter has been introduced by these new claims or any of the amendments being made in this response.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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